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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ENABLING  
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A PROCESSOR  
AND A NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - cover page and 159 pages, including 5 independent claims and 19 claims total.
2. Drawings - 61 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-48).
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ \$710.00
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Independent Claims	5	-	3	2	x \$80	160.00
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This application is a continuation-in-part of prior Application No. 09/814,178, filed March 22, 2001. This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

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